

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY JANUARY 26, 2015, 7:30 P.M.
301 KING STREET, 2nd FLOOR
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair, Jay Johnson, Vice Chair, William Schuyler, James Lewis, Elizabeth Jones, Kevin Beekman, Randy Cole and Melissa McMahon

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Garbacz, Division Chief, Traffic, Daphne Kott, Civil Engineer IV and Cuong Nguyen, Intern II.

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: There were no deferrals or withdrawals.
2. Approval of the November 17, 2014, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes: Mr. Lewis made a motion seconded by Mr. Cole to approve the minutes from the November 17, 2014 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
3. **STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES:** Mr. Garbacz updated the Board on the criteria used by staff to evaluate requests for additional taxicab authorizations.

PUBLIC HEARING:

4. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to appeal a curb cut at 28 East Masonic View Avenue

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Craig and Julie Arrighetti, the applicants, spoke in favor of the proposed curb cuts.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz and Ms. Kott presented this item to the Board and indicated that the reason for denial was that multiple curb cuts would eliminate too much public parking. The applicant indicated that much of the parking problems are being created by a local business in the neighborhood. The Board requested staff to investigate the issue with the business to see what could be done and to notify Parking Enforcement to increase enforcement efforts on the street.

BOARD ACTION: Ms. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to approve one curb cut and to have staff work with the applicant to determine the proper location of the curb cut. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to post two-hour parking restrictions on the 2700 block of Dove Street

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Sara Lavan, the applicant, spoke in favor

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz presented this item to the Board and indicated that commuters were monopolizing the parking along Dove Street leaving no overflow parking for patrons of the local businesses. Mr. Garbacz indicated that the reason for recommending two-hour restriction's was that this shorter restriction would be easier to enforce than three-hours and that two hours would be long enough for patrons of the local businesses.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to approve staff's recommendation to post two-hour parking restrictions on the 2700 block of Dove Street. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove parking on the 2000 block of Kenwood Avenue.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Gary Warner, the applicant spoke in favor of the request.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz presented this item to the Board. The applicant, Mr. Warner provided a presentation on the request.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Beekman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jones to approve staff's recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

7. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to install "SCHOOL: SPEED LIMIT 15 WHEN FLASHING" signs in the 1100 block of North Pegasus Street and the 5100 block of Polk Avenue in front of Polk Elementary School.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public spoke on this item.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz presented this item to the Board.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Beekman made a motion, seconded by Ms. McMahon to approve staff's recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

8. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to convert a grandfathered certificate of public convenience and necessity, Yellow Cab 157, into a permanent certificate.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public spoke on this item.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz presented this item to the Board. There was considerable discussion by the Board concerning the size of the Alexandria fleet and the appropriateness of allowing grandfathered certificates to become permanent. The Board was concerned that the disabled community was having difficulty obtaining ADA cabs in the City.

BOARD ACTION: Ms. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to convert Yellow cab 157 into a permanent ADA cab. The motion carried unanimously.

9. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to convert a grandfathered certificate of public convenience and necessity, VIP Cab 1686, into a permanent certificate.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public spoke on this item.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz presented this item to the Board.

BOARD ACTION: Ms. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to convert VIP cab 1686 into a permanent ADA cab . The motion carried unanimously.